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APPLICANT INITIATED INTERVIEW REQUEST FORM

Application No.: 10/565,992 First Named Applicant: Dennis Wowerm Nielsen
Examiner: Lucas A. Stelling Art Unit: 1797 Status of Application: Non-Final Office Action

Tentative Participants:

- (1) Examiner Lucas A. Stelling (2) Mark A. Farley, Reg. No. 33,170
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Proposed Date of Interview: September 11, 2009 Proposed Time: 2:00 PM (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

- (1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO
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Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc.)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) § 103 Rejections - based primarily on combination of Welwyn reference and Van Slyke reference	<u>All claims</u>	UK 1,567,773 of Welwyn Hall Research Association; and	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2)		USP 6,916,426 to Van Slyke, et al.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

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PROPOSED TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

The Van Slyke reference "teaches away" from combining its disclosure with that of Welwyn. That is, on the one hand Welwyn teaches to sanitize the waste by the addition of quicklime wherein the pH is raised to 9 and preferably to 11. The reference additionally teaches that the reason for use of quicklime is the treated material is to be used as a fertilizer and, thus, the addition of the CaO would be valuable in that regard.

On the other hand, in contrast, Van Slyke teaches that the waste is treated to render it acidic with one, and optionally two, acidic waste treatments. Moreover, the purpose of the acidic treatment is not to sanitize the waste. In order to sterilize the waste a UV treatment is taught. Furthermore, the acid treatment is not even required (i.e. for sterilization) as the reference teaches to flocculate the waste immediately and that the acid treatment is (only) necessary if such flocculation treatment is not possible.

Van Slyke, thus, teaches away from combining its disclosure with that of Welwyn since the latter teaches to render the waste highly basic whereas Van Slyke teaches to render the waste acidic. Further, the treatment with base in Welwyn is for the purpose of sanitization whereas, in Van Slyke, the waste is sanitized via a UV treatment. Finally, the treated waste in Welwyn is to be used for fertilizer whereas the teaching in Van Slyke to render the waste acidic means that it is not useful for the use envisioned by Welwyn.